the equipment, other infrastructural cilities and annual allocation of resources.

(d) While the proposed low power V transmitter at Phulbani is envisaged to be commissioned during 1988-89, All India Radio has no scheme or Phulbani.

Scheme of Voluntary Retirement in NDDB

*25. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in The Indian Post of 9th July, 1988 under the caption 500 NDDB employees voluntarily retired;

(b) whether the National Dairy Development Board has formulated a scheme for 'voluntary retirement' of its staff and officers;

(c) if so, the officers and staff retired so, till date; and

(d) what are the reasons for effecting such a 'voluntary retirement' scheme in NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In order to facilitate the restructuring and streamlining of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) a voluntary retirement scheme was evolved and implemented by the NDDB. As on 31st October, 1988, 458 employees have availed themselves of this scheme.

Closure of Industrial Units

*26. SHRI M. A BABY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial units closed fully or partially upto September 1988; and details thereof;

(b) the number of workers affected by the closure; State-wise break-up thereof;

(c) the reasons for the closure; and

(d) the step proposed by the Central Government for the reopening of these units or protection of the interests of the workers displaced by the closure?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) According to the latest available information, 57 industrial units were closed during the period January-August, 1988. A statement on the number of workers affected and units closed in different States is attached. (*See* below).

(c) The closures, among others, have been due to reasons such as financial stringency, shortage of raw material and adverse market conditions.

(d) Both the Central and the State Government's have been taking steps to get closed industrial units reopened through appropriate rehabilitation packages which include concessions, reliefs and financial assistance. In the case of textile workers affected by closures, the Government is operating a Textile Rehabilitation Fund which offers financial assistance for a period of 3 years on a tapering basis.

Statement

Statewise number of Units closed and workers affected during January to August, 1988 (Provisional)

State	No. of Units	Workers affected
1. Andhra Pradesh	4	124
2. Gujarat	12	2,328
3. Haryana	8	246
4. Kerala	1	52
5. Maharashtra	24	1,807
6. Orissa	1	22
7. Punjab	2	88
8. Rajasthan	2	8
9. Tamil Nadu	3	560
TOTAL	57	5,235

SOURCE : Labour Bureau, Shimla.